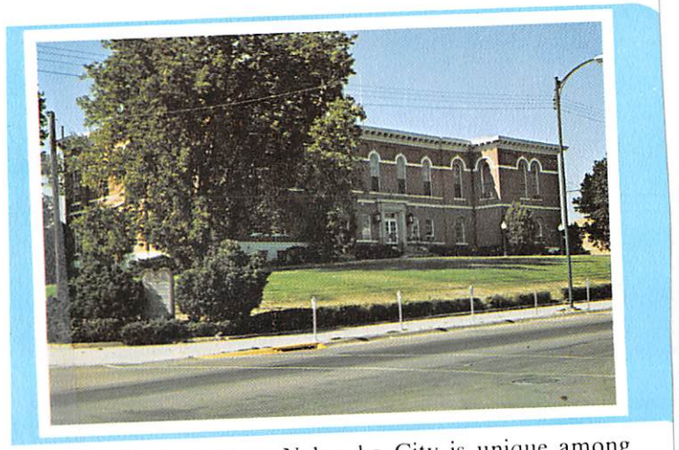

COURT HOUSE — Nebraska City is unique among cities. The contrast between the old and the new reflects the heritage of the city and confidence of todays' citizens in the future of the community. A popular tourist attraction for visitors to the city is the Otoe County Courthouse. It is the oldest public office building in the state still in use. The original structure was erected in 1864 for a total cost of $22,500.00. Later to make room for more busy offices in county government, the building had two annexes built on, the latest in 1936. It should be pointed out however, there has been little change in the original structure.

RICH in history, Nebraska City's landmarks reflect the rugged determination of the pioneers to master the area, once considered a part of untamed west. One of those pioneers, J. Sterling Morton, sought to alter the face of the territory, once called the "Great American Desert," by actively promoting a program of planting trees. His program received statewide recognition on March 31, 1874, when Nebraska Governor Robert W. Furnas issued the first Arbor Day proclamation. The event is now celebrated annually in nearly all of the states. Morton conclusively demonstrated that he practiced exactly what he preached by extensively planting trees on his own estate near Nebraska City. Arbor Lodge, Morton's home, is pictured on the cover. The mansion itself is surrounded by more than 160 species and varieties of trees in a 65 acre plot.

Founded as a "jumping-off" point for western exploration and settlement, Nebraska City, was the heart of the pioneer freighting industry. It was the base of operations of such men as Russell, Majors, and Waddell, the organizers of the pony express and numerous freighting expeditions. Nebraska City, as we know it today, was founded on December 31, 1857, when three small cities were consolidated and incorporated into one.

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OLD FORT KEARNEY — Designated an official Nebraska Historical Marker located on what is now Central Avenue in Nebraska City. The fort, established as one of a chain of military posts across the west in 1846, was named for Colonel Stephen W. Kearney who selected its site. The old Fort Kearney area remained important as the beginning of a secondary route of the Oregon Trail, and The City of Nebraska City is said to have started at the site of the Old Fort. The fort has served as a printing office, justice court, jail, drugstore, and butcher shop. This replica was dedicated in 1938.

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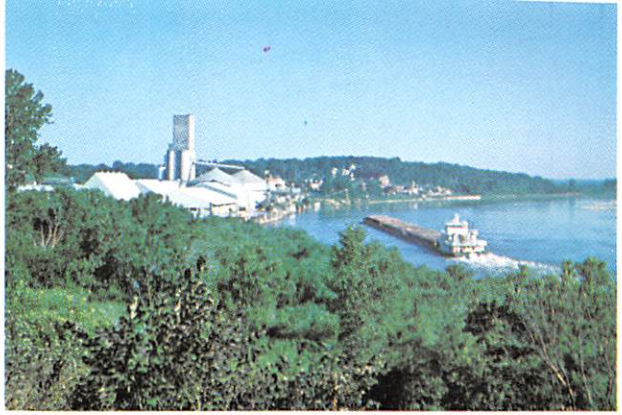
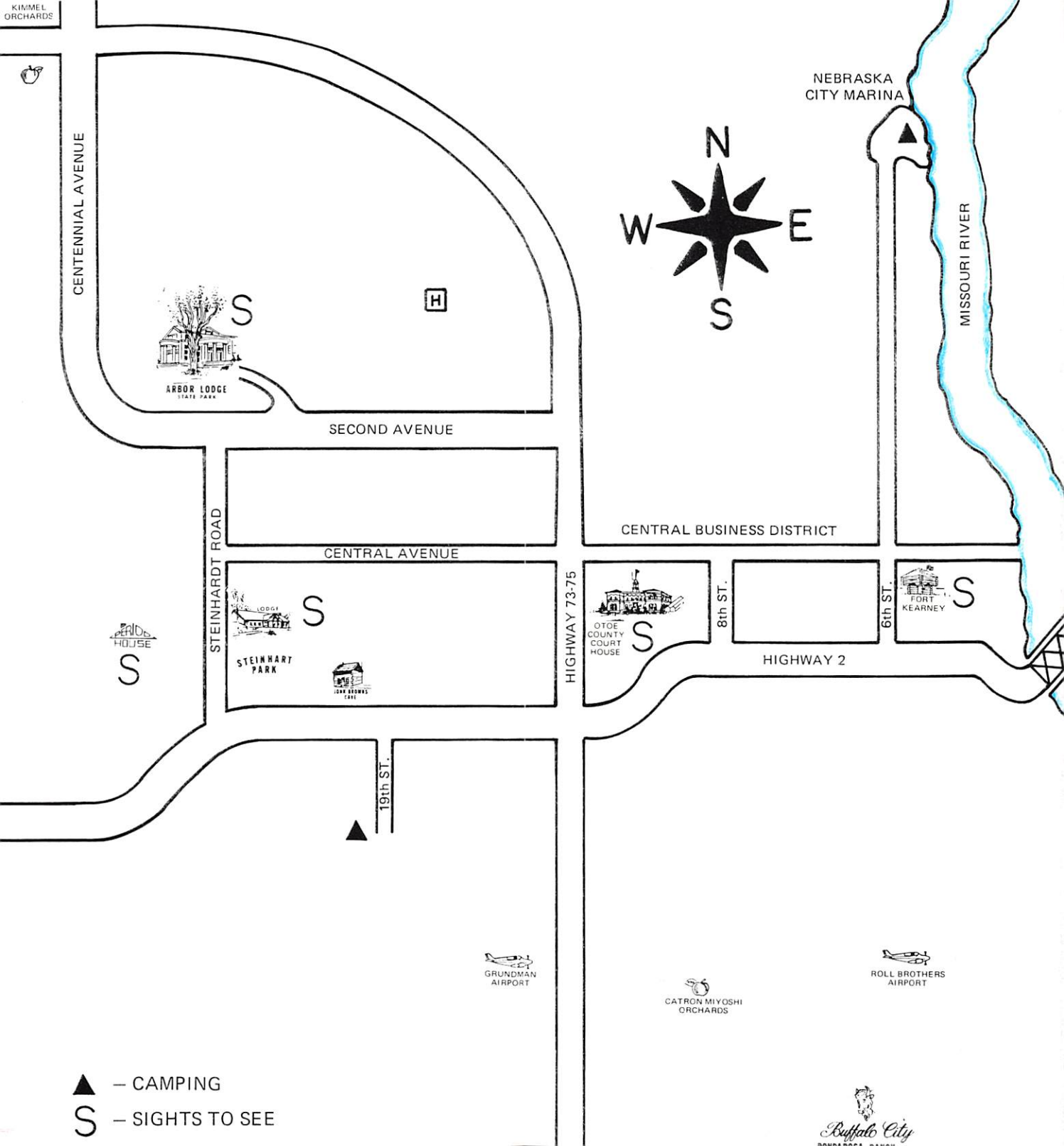
the Midwest apple area. Each spring, thousands of people from throughout the midwest travel to Nebraska City to view the many apple trees in bloom. Each fall, many make a return visit to the community to secure some of the finest apples and apple cider to be found anywhere. Annually, in September, an Apple Jack Festival is sponsored by the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce calling attention to the area apple industry. A college football game and high school marching band competition highlight the celebration.



RIVER SCENE — A popular tourist attraction is the beautiful Missouri Riverfront in Nebraska City. Principal focal point on the riverfront is the modern Steinhart River Terminal. Established in 1954, this facility was named after pioneer river man, Morton Steinhart. Although visitors to Nebraska City's riverfront may not see any of the romantic, old fashioned paddle wheel steamboats of years gone by, they may see one of the several hundred barges that arrive and depart this terminal each season. Materials are received at the terminal from all sections of the United States.

WILDWOOD PERIOD HOUSE AND PARK — Wildwood House, built in 1869 is a picturesque setting, now Wildwood Park, is a ten room brick home that was called a Country House in the days of horse and buggy suburban living. Rooms of the Period House are carefully furnished in the 1860 to 1880 period. Wallpapers are imported French and English appropriate to those times. Lighting is by antique lamps and fixtures. Among the points of interest in the Period House are: the formal parlor with the Steinway Grand Piano of 85 keys, a rose-wood sofa which came up the river on a steamboat in 1856, petit-point picture, pier mirror and marble topped table.

TRI-STATE AREAS LARGEST SHOPPING CENTER — Progressive Nebraska City businesses, lining both sides of spacious Central Avenue, combine together to offer visitors to the city many and varied commercial services. Nebraska City's business district proudly and rightfully boasts it is the largest in the tri-state area. Ample parking in the downtown area is another reason why Nebraska City is known as the community "Big Enough to Serve You, Small Enough to Know You."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